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SUBJ: AMCITS WHO REMAINED BEHIND IN CAMBODIA

REF: BANGKOK 6254 (CAMBODIA-B NO. 2)

CAMBODIA-B NO. 17

1. CONSULAR OFFICER MCCARTHY, NOW IN BANGKOK, HAS CHECKED OVER INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL. TO BEST HIS KNOWLEDGE IT IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE, WITH FOLLOWING CHANGES:
(A) DENIS CAMERON, JOURNALIST (FREE-LANCE STRINGER FOR SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS) REMAINED BEHIND IN PHNOM PENH DESPITE OUR URGING APRIL 12 THAT HE JOIN OUR EVACUATION. WE WERE AWARE OF THIS WHEN REFTEL WAS DRAFTED, BUT HAD NOT INCLUDED HIS NAME BECAUSE WE WERE UNDER MISTAKEN IMPRESSION THAT CAMERON WAS AN AUSTRALIAN.

(B) BRIAN WALSH, A PRIVATE AMCIT LIVING IN PHNOM PENH, FORMERLY EMPLOYED BY CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE, COULD NOT BE FOUND APRIL 12 AND PRESUMABLY REMAINS IN CAMBODIA. CONSUL HAD EARLIER URGED HIM TO LEAVE PHNOM PENH BUT HE REFUSED AND WAS APPARENTLY DETERMINED TO REMAIN IN CAMBODIA. HE IS UNEMPLOYED AND HAD NO FIXED ADDRESS.
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(C) TWO PILOTS LISTED REFTEL, BAILY AND BRYANT, FLEW THEIR OWN AIRCRAFT OUT TO UTAPAO ON 12 APRIL. THEY PRESUMABLY ARE NOW IN THAILAND. PLANE WAS LAST SEEN AT UTAPAO.

2. RE PARA 9 REFTEL, ACCORDING TO REPORTS IN BANGKOK PRESS 14 APRIL, THE PRESS-CHARTERED PLANE (A C-46) DID FLY INTO POCHENTONG FROM SAIGON ON 12 APRIL (WITH AP SAIGON BUREAU CHIEF RICHARD BLYSTONE ON BOARD) AND EVACUATED A KHMER AP EMPLOYEE AND HIS DEPENDENTS. (HE AND HIS FAMILY COULD HAVE COME OUT WITH US IF AP HAD SO REQUESTED.)
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